SUBJECT No. 23.

Government grant-in-aid for the restoration of minor tanks in *jodi* villages.

Mr. K. Venkatasamiah, Mysore District Board.

Mr. K. Venkatasamiah.—In regard to the restoration of minor tanks in inam villages, Government should pay their quota of the cost and get the work done through their own agency.

Revenue Commissioner.—Ordinarily inamdars should themselves do the work. In special cases Government will undertake to do it.

Some members said that as regards contribution, there should be distinction between *sarva inam*, *jodi* and *kayamgutta* villages and that the rate of contribution for the restoration and maintenance of the tanks should be uniform.

Dewan.—The Inam Commission have made some recommendations and their report is under the consideration of Government. The representation will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 24.

Execution of earthwork to major tanks at Government cost.

Mr. Gangappa, Nagamangala Taluk.

Mr. Gangappa.—The earthwork to major tanks is not executed satisfactorily though the privilege of fishing and pasturage is given to the raiyats. For want of union among them, most of the major tanks are neglected. In order that these tanks may be properly maintained, Government may themselves do the work, the right of fishing and pasturage now enjoyed by the raiyats being sold by public auction and the sale proceeds utilised towards the cost.

Revenue Commissioner.—The amount realised by the sale of the right of fishing will not be sufficient to meet the cost of earthwork. The raiyats who fail to do the work according to the *hanchikepatti*, will be made to pay their share of the cost.

Messrs. D. S. Hanumantha Rao and H. Krishna Sastri.—In several cases *hiduvalidars* live elsewhere and pay nothing. They go free and the rest have to bear the cost. It is better to sell the right of fishing and credit the realizations towards the cost of maintenance, the deficit, if any, being recovered from the *khatedars*.

Dewan.—According to the rules, the raiyats are allowed the right of fishing and pasturage free of cost provided they execute the earthwork to tanks. But if they fail to do it, the privilege of fishing and pasturage will be cancelled They will nevertheless be made to pay towards the cost of earthwork. The representation will, however, be considered.

SUBJECT No. 25.

Removal of restrictions against building houses in agricultural lands.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa, Tiptur Municipality.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa.—In the Madras Presidency, the raiyats are allowed to build houses on their agricultural lands. The same rule may be adopted here also, as raiyats generally live in very congested parts in the villages. The existing restriction should be removed and the raiyats given permission to build houses on their lands without being required to pay any penalty. The restriction should be removed in municipal areas also.

Dewan.—Raiyats may build farm-houses on their own lands, but they cannot dwell there permanently. House-sites within the limits of municipalities should be under the control of such bodies.